## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSENTEE VOTERS (FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION CALL 937-0261

APPLICATIONS TO VOTE ABSENTEE MAY BE OBTAINED MANY WAYS: PICKING ONE UP AT VARIOUS PLACES—CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICES, BOARD OF REGISTRARS' OFFICES, COUNTY COMMISSION OFFICES (ALL OF THESE ARE IN BAY MINETTE, FAIRHOPE AND FOLEY), VIA EMAIL OR FAX, ONLINE AT THE BALDWIN COUNTY WEBSITE (FOLLOW THE ELECTIONS BUTTON), OR THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE;

BUT **APPLICATIONS** MAY ONLY BE **RETURNED** TWO WAYS—EITHER IN PERSON **BY THE VOTER** (NO ONE CAN RETURN SOMEONE ELSE'S APPLICATION) TO THE OFFICE OF THE ABSENTEE ELECTION MANAGER (AEM) IN BAY MINETTE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE COURTHOUSE IN CIRCUIT CLERK/AEM, JODY WISE CAMPBELL'S OFFICE; OR BY MAILING IT TO THE AEM AT 312 COURTHOUSE SQUARE, SUITE 10, BAY MINETTE, AL 36507;

DEADLINE FOR RETURNING APPLICATION—IN PERSON OR VIA U.S. MAIL—4:30 P.M. FIVE (5) DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION. NOTE: Postmark does not matter for the APPLICATION.

AFTER THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED IN THE AEM'S OFFICE, A BALLOT WILL BE SENT OUT BY THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY AFTER THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED—<u>IF</u> I HAVE RECEIVED THE BALLOTS; INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING AND RETURNING THE BALLOT WILL BE INCLUDED.

YOU MAY VOTE ABSENTEE <u>IN PERSON</u> IN THE AEM'S OFFICE IN BAY MINETTE <u>ONLY</u>—THIS IS THE LAW. THE DEADLINE FOR THIS IS 4:30 P.M. FIVE (5) DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION. Office hours are 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

VOTING ABSENTEE IN PERSON IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BECAUSE IT IS SIMPLER TO TAKE CARE OF THE APPLICATION AND BALLOT PROCESS ALL AT ONCE. HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE A LINE OR A WAIT BECAUSE STAFFING IS VERY LIGHT (AEM & ASSISTANT), SO PLEASE BE PATIENT.

COPY OF PHOTO IDENTIFICATION IS SENT IN WITH THE BALLOT, NOT THE APPLICATION.

TWO MOST COMMON MISTAKES MADE WHEN RETURNING THE <u>BALLOT</u> ARE 1) PUTTING THE COPY OF THE ID IN THE WRONG ENVELOPE & 2) NOT HAVING THE VOTER'S SIGNATURE ON THE AFFIDAVIT ENVELOPE EITHER WITNESSED BY TWO PEOPLE OR NOTARIZED.

DEADLINE FOR RETURNING <u>BALLOT</u> IS: IN PERSON <u>BY THE VOTER</u> TO THE AEM'S OFFICE IN BAY MINETTE—4:30 P.M. THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION (UNLESS IT IS A HOLIDAY, THEN THE LAST BUSINESS DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION DAY); OR VIA U.S. MAIL, <u>POSTMARKED</u> NO LATER THAN THE DAY BEFORE THE ELECTION, AND RECEIVED NO LATER THAN NOON ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION.